

## ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for monitoring usage and activity of a wireless communication device, including a wireless telephone and a PDA device. The method and apparatus provide for detecting and monitoring each communication and displaying the 5 remaining units available to the operator under their billing plan for the detected type of communication. Historical usage of each type of communication is maintained, and a plurality of types of available remaining communication units may be simultaneously displayed. The wireless device may monitor the usage of a type of communication and provide an alarm to the operator when less than a predetermined number of units, such as minutes or data bytes, are 10 available to be used by the communication device in the billing period. The wireless device may also prompt the operator to call their service provider to request additional units.